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"ANTHRAQUINONE QUENCHER DYES, THEIR METHODS OF PREPARATION AND USE"

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2008, which was made final, please amend the application as indicated. In light of the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. Applicants respectfully submit the entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR § 1.116 because it places the claims in better condition for appeal.

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